



chapterletter

Newsletter of the Boston Society of Architects
A Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
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Blue Ribbon Commission to Meet with BSA

Date:

Wednesday, January 31
Reservations accepted until 5 P.M., Monday, January 29. Cancellations accepted until noon, Tuesday, January 30.

Time:

6 p.m. Drinks
7 p.m. Dinner
8 p.m. Program

Place:

Boston Architectural Center

The Chief Counsel of the Blue Ribbon Commission, Bancroft Littlefield, Jr. of Harvard Law School, will join Peter Forbes AIA, Architect member of the Commission, in a special presentation to members of the Chapter.

They will discuss the activities of the Commission to date and wish to hear from Architects what the profession wishes the Commission to accomplish.

In April 1978 the Commonwealth of Massachusetts House of Representatives passed "a Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a Special Commission relative to corruption involved in certain State and County building contracts."

The mandate of the Commission is twofold: (1) to investigate allegations of corrupt practices and maladministration in the awarding and implementation of state and county contracts for design and construction of buildings; (2) to propose recommendations for legislation to improve the public building process.

The Commission was legally constituted in July with the appointment of its seven members:

Francis X. Bellotti, Attorney General of the Commonwealth; Frances Burke, Chairperson of the Department of Public Administration, Suffolk University; Peter Forbes, AIA, President of Forbes Hailey Jeas Erneman, Inc., Architects, Boston; Daniel O. Mahoney, Partner in the Boston law firm of Palmer & Dodge and Executive Committee member of the Massachusetts Bar Association; Walter McCarthy, P.E., professor of engineering at Southern Massachusetts University; John William Ward, Chairman, President of Amherst College; and Lewis H. Weinstein, Partner in the Boston law firm of Foley, Hoag & Eliot. The Commission appointed Bancroft Littlefield, Jr. as Chief Counsel.

Initially, all the design and building contracts awarded through the Bureau of Building Construction and the Designer Selection Board from January 1, 1968 to the present were computer programmed to provide an accessible record of projects, designers, builders, projected costs, actual costs, fees, change orders, litigation, etc. With this data in hand the investigation has been focused to examine specific state and county administrative and "user" agencies, particular projects which are typically representative of the procurement process or which appear to have had unusual problems, and individual design firms and building companies which have had extensive experience in the state and county system.

More immediately, the Commission actively solicits the involvement of the architectural community as a source of information, to be held in strictest confidence, concerning allegations of



Panagore

MSAA Officers Elected

The MSAA Annual Meeting elected Peter Panagore AIA, President, Mark L. Sirulnik AIA, Vice President, and Kendall P. Bates AIA Secretary/Treasurer. A budget of \$19,600 with dues of \$28 per member was adopted. (MSAA dues are included in local chapter assessment.)

The MSAA Executive Committee is made up of the following members:

From BSA

Kendall Bates AIA (Sec./Tr.)
John M. Clancy AIA
David R. Johnson AIA
A. Anthony Tappe AIA

From Central Mass.

Peter Panagore AIA (Pres.)
Charles D. Schmitt AIA
John H. Wadsworth AIA

From Western Mass.

Leon J. Pernice AIA
Mark L. Sirulnik AIA (V.P.)
David Spencer AIA

Bookshop News

We now stock over 130 architectural book titles in our recently opened Bookshop. By January 30, 1979, we will have more than 150 titles in stock!

Some of our most recent acquisitions include: *AIA Standardized Accounting for Architects* (\$16.00 for members), *AIA Life Cycle Cost Analysis 2* (\$14.40 for members), *America's Forgotten Architecture*, *Solar Houses*, *Designs for Wood*, *Inside Today's Homes*, *The Craftsman Builder*, *New York/New York*, *Old House Plans*, and *Natural Solar Architecture*.

These are but a few of the new titles available. We also special order specific books that you request.

If you haven't come by yet, come by and browse. BSA members get a 10% discount on almost every book in the store.

In addition, we continue to carry all of the AIA Documents, at the lowest price available anywhere in Massachusetts. Now's the time to buy a new *Handbook of Professional Practice* or to update your *Handbook* and buy the latest editions of this year's revised forms: A401, A701, B151, G701, G702, G703, G704, A107, A111, B181.

Check your Document supply today and call the Chapter Office at 267-5175, with your next order.

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BOSTON ARCHITECTURAL CENTER

News from President Clancy and the Board of Directors

Boston Exports

Annual Design Award

Prologue

In 1977 the BSA announced the creation of a new annual design award category titled, "Boston Exports." This award was conceived to complement the Harleston Parker award and to act as a showcase for BSA members' buildings constructed in other cities, states, and countries.

Eligibility

The awards program is open to all current members of the BSA. The same rules apply to this jury as apply to the Harleston Parker jury, i.e. a jury member has to agree that none of his work or that of his firm is eligible for an award. Structures or buildings of any type must have been completed within the last ten years (after January 1969) and situated anywhere on the globe *outside* the Boston metropolitan area which for this purpose is designated as follows:

The City of Boston and the Metropolitan Parks District. Section 3 of Chapter 407 for the year 1893 includes in this district the cities or towns of Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Lynn, Malden, Medford, Newton, Quincy, Somerville, Waltham, Woburn, Arlington, Belmont, Braintree, Brookline, Canton, Dedham, Dover, Hingham, Hull, Melrose, Milton, Nahant, Needham, Revere, Saugus, Stoneham, Swampscott, Wakefield, Watertown, Wellesley, Weston, Weymouth, Winchester, and Winthrop.

Submission Deadline

All submissions must be received at the BSA Chapter office at 320 Newbury Street before 5:00 P.M. on February 23, 1979.

6. A minimum of two and a maximum of six exterior photos of different facades (B & W or color).
7. A minimum of one and a maximum of four interior photos (B & W or color).

All material must follow the AIA rules for anonymity. A sealed blank opaque envelope containing the firm name should be enclosed on the last page.

Jury

The jury will make the selections based upon the materials presented. No field trips will be undertaken. Members of the jury are:

**Earl R. Flansburgh FAIA, Ch.
Richard Bertman AIA
Sherrie Culter AIA
W. Easley Hamner AIA
Wilson F. Pollock, Jr. AIA**

Awards

The awards will be publicly announced at the annual BSA Awards Dinner. Winners will be confidentially notified prior to the dinner to encourage their presence. Awards will be in the form of a printed certificate bearing the Chapter's Seal.

Obligations of Winners

The selected winners may be asked to provide to the BSA for a period of one year:

1. A set of slides of the submission entries, suitable for incorporating into a travelling slide show.
2. One or two (to be determined) foam core boards with mounted material similar to the submission requirements for use in travelling display sponsored by the Society.

Submission Requirements

All material must be submitted in a black spiral binder and confirm to an 8½ x 11 format.

1. A typewritten description not to exceed one page, of the project, its location, client, program and approximate value.
2. A typewritten description not to exceed one page of the design solution and major materials used.
3. Site plan.
4. Ground floor plan and typical upper floor plan if applicable.
5. Typical section or sections.

Submission Fee

A check or money order for \$20 to cover handling must be included with each submission. Check is to be made out to the Boston Society of Architects. It should be placed in an envelope and taped to the inside cover of the submission.

Schedule

1 January Receipt by members of announcement

23 February Deadline for submission

1 March Confidential notification of winners

30 March Deadline for slides and boards of winners

4 April Annual BSA awards dinner & announcement of winners

1979 Committees

The following is a listing of the committees under the Professional Society Commission. A full listing of the BSA committees will appear in the February Chapterletter.

*Commission on
Professional Society*
Marilyn Fraser AIA
Commissioner

Elected Committees

Honors and Awards

Peter Chermayeff AIA
Sarah P. Harkness AIA
J. Timothy Anderson AIA
Thomas G. Green AIA
Joseph Maybank AIA
Robert S. Sturgis FAIA

Nominating Committee

George M. Notter, Jr. FAIA
Peter Steffian AIA
Robert Kramer AIA
Douglas Cole Smith AIA
Joseph L. Eldredge FAIA
Terry Rankine AIA

Membership Committee

John L. Davies AIA
Frederick A. Norris AIA
Antonio P. deCastro AIA
Peter Forbes AIA
Gail Flynn AIA
Michael J. Kraus AIA

Ethics Committee

Henry C. Boles AIA
John L. Davies AIA
John F. Miller AIA

If you have not been assigned to a committee but would like to serve, contact the Chapter office. Names can be added to the committee rosters at any point. For this purpose a list of BSA committees and the Commissions they fall under follows:

*Commission on
Professional Society*
Marilyn Fraser AIA
Commissioner

Program Committee
Space Search Committee

*Commission on
Education and Research*
Sarah P. Harkness AIA
Commissioner

Education Committee
Rotch Travelling
Scholarship Committee
BSA Scholarship Committee
Energy Committee

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New England Regional Council/ AIA Awards 1978



Ainsworth Gymnasium, Smith College

Photo by Nick Wheeler



Restoration Mechanics Hall, Worcester

Photo by Steve Rosenthal

Citations in the 1978 NERC Awards program were presented on October 21 at Hanover, New Hampshire as follows:

The Ainsworth Gymnasium,
Smith College
The Architects Collaborative
Restoration Mechanics Hall
Worcester, MA
Anderson Notter Finegold, Inc.



Exeter Street / Friday's

Photo by CBT



Kimball Carriage House, Andover

Photo by Steve Rosenthal

Exeter Street Theater/Friday's
Boston, MA
Childs, Bertman, Tseckares &
Casendino, Inc., Architects
Kimball Carriage House
Andover, MA
Crissman & Solomon Architects

Members of the Jury were:
Peter Blake FAIA, Robert Burley
AIA, and Robert Campbell.

News from the Chapter Office

Calendar

January 1

Deadline for Preservation
Award Nominations

January 10

Preservation Film Festival
National Park Service Building
12-2 p.m.

January 17

Lighting Symposium
BAC, 4:6 p.m.

January 22

Deadline for Rotch Travelling
Scholarship application requests

January 31

Dinner Meeting
Blue Ribbon Commission
BAC, 6 p.m.

January 31

Preservation Film Festival
Brattle Theater
12-2 p.m.

February 23

Deadline for Boston Exports
submissions

Order AIA Documents from the
Chapter office.

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misconduct and disfunction in the
public building system.

The Special Commission Con-
cerning State and County Build-
ings is located on the 21st Floor
of the John W. McCormack State
Office Building, One Ashburton
Place, Boston; telephone (617)
727-1270.

Plastics Seminars

The University of Lowell is spon-
soring a series of Plastics
Seminars which will be held at the
Hyatt Regency Cambridge during
the month of March. All members
will shortly be receiving more
information from the University of
Lowell.

Lighting Symposium

A workshop, conducted to inform
the local members of BSA,
ASHRAE and IES about the
AIA/RC Program and resultant
Federal energy performance
standard will be held at the
Boston Architectural Center on
Wednesday, January 17.

Joint Sponsors

Boston Society of Architects
Boston Chapter of ASHRAE
New England Section of IES

Topic

AIA/RC's Design for Energy
Conservation Program and the
resultant Energy Performance
Standard

Time and Place

Wednesday, January 17, 1979,
4-6 PM
Boston Architectural Center
320 Newbury Street, Boston

The AIA/RC Program was funded
through HUD and involved the
redesign of 168 projects across
the country. The workshop will
discuss the redesign activity and
the resultant standard which is
planned to be published in the
Federal Register in February,
1979, and will become effective
in August, 1979. Copies of the
proposed standard and data
about the AIA/RC program will be
distributed to all attendees.

Reservations are \$4 per person
and are required in advance.
Send to: IES New England
Section, c/o Electric Institute
Inc., 100 Boylston Street,
Boston, MA 02116. (617) 542-
8755.

Historic Preservation Film Festival

Two additional dates in the Pres-
ervation Film Festival series:

January 10, 1979

National Park Service Building
15 State Street, Boston

January 31, 1979

Brattle Theater
Harvard Square

Featured will be continuous
showing of films, and a display of
current literature on preservation
techniques and the new
preservation tax act. Bring a
brown bag lunch and join us any-
time between noon and 2:00 p.m.

1979 Committees

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Commission on
Professional Practice
Carleton R. Richmond, Jr. AIA
Commissioner

Practice Management Committee
Construction Industry Affairs
Committee
Professional Services Committee

Commission on
Architectural Design
Howard Elkus AIA
Commissioner

Urban Design Committee
Historic Resources Committee
Boston Exports Committee

Commission on
Public Affairs
Herbert W. Eisenberg AIA
Commissioner

Housing Committee
Legislative Committee
Codes Committee

Announcement

The Book about Arcangelo
Cascieri FAIA is in its final stages
and funding for it is in progress. If
any BSA member (who has not
already done so) would like to
make a contribution, please
contact James Clapp FAIA at One
Court Street, or call 742-1400.

Building Industry Guide Available

The BSA has made a special
arrangement with Slater Publica-
tions, Inc. for members to
purchase at a special price of
\$10.00 (saving you \$30.00) both
THE BIG BOOK (Building
Industry Guide) and *Update*, the
BIG BOOK's new quarterly
update bulletin. The Guide brings
the entire New England building
industry together in one well-
organized reference.

Members will shortly receive a
mailing from Slater Publications
enabling them to order this pub-
lication at the reduced price.

Membership

New Applicants for Membership
John H. Cunningham, III
Jonathan S. Lane
James H. Piatt

Applicants for
Associate Membership in AIA
Wendall C. Kalsow
Alfred J. Spagnolo

Applicants for
Emeritus Status
John S. Bilzerian AIA
John W. Peirce FAIA
Mario P. Pfaff AIA

Applicant for
Unassigned Membership
Daniel Sullivan AIA
Virgin Islands Chapter

Energy Code Guide

The State Building Code
Commission has recently
published an illustrated guide to
the Massachusetts Energy Code
for One and Two Family
Dwellings. This guide is available
at the State Book Store, State
House, Room 116, Boston, MA
02133 for \$2.50 per copy
(including postage) payable to
the Commonwealth of
Massachusetts.